



# GLODEP



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### EMJMD International Development Studies

- Two-year multidisciplinary master program that links the areas of development studies and development economics
- Prepares graduates for development policy and practice
- [www.glodep.eu](http://www.glodep.eu)



# PROJECT PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCE SHARING



- **Negotiations** between potential partner universities
  - About 1,5 years of preparation – application February 2016 (from 2014)
  - we wanted to be diverse geographically
- **Important** – personal meetings - two
  - Getting to know each other more closely
  - Pre-prepared program of the meeting – clear schedule, pre-prepared proposals
    - Our leading role
  - Discussions about real courses existing at each university
  - Many things discussed via skype and email conversation
- **Advices from CTU, Prague**
  - Not much experience in Czech Republic with the leading role within EMJMD
  - 2 personal visits – „How it works?“, title award?, structure of the program, recognition of courses,...

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- **Partners brought their experience**

- National language courses, practical job related trainings,...

- **Team at our Department – 5 people**

- Intensive reading of all „recommended“ documents
  - Many of them, sometimes confusing
- Intensive writing days
- Project writing - early enough before the deadline for possible consultations with partners
- Online shared folders

- **Detailed discussions with partners**

- ownership
- Course system and content of the courses, exam system, teaching periods, grading system, thesis writing - deadlines, state exams and defense, explaining different contexts, national laws, internship organisation, diploma issuance, conversion table – many existing differences ☹
- Searching for possible associated partners – early enough
  - Appropriate for the program
  - Each partner proposed its partners based on previous cooperation – joint selection
- Discussions about selection process criteria, about profiles of graduates ...
- At our side also discussion with UPOL Rectorate – Study and International Relations Department
- Organisation of notes and minutes from each discussion

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## ○ Project writing

- Proposal cca 2 months intensive writing
  - Several checks and discussion
- Connection to reality check – diploma, thesis
- We developed all the possible **annexes**
  - Detailed joint diploma (with „French“ Marianne paper) – report on the possibilities of awarding joint diploma by national legislation
  - Business plan
  - Grading system and its conversion table
  - Letter of intent

## ○ Challenges

- Changes in accreditation processes in Czech Republic (the whole system changed)
- As the leader sometime **you** have to take the decisions
- Knowledge about the legislation in different countries – differences between the countries
- Financial management rules and regulations – to understand them (what goes where?)
- No reference point for Q/A in the process of writing
- Differences between laws – collision between Czech laws and EU requirements – is it feasible?

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- **Approved by the EU (July 2016)**
  - Later Turkish university withdrew from the Consortium
- **First intake**
  - 750 applications, 24 offered scholarship ... 19 students enrolled
- **Challenges**
  - Different rules and regulations of Consortium universities
  - EU conditions
  - No experience at Palacký University with coordination of this program

**Thank you for your attention.**

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